

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 19-35 are pending in the application. Claims 5-8, 11, 13, 16, 33, and 35 have been allowed. Claims 1-4, 9-10, 12, 14-15, 17, 19-32, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura et al., US 5,960,866 in view of Jacoby, US 5,499,450 for the reasons stated on pages 2-3 of the final office action.

Claims 1-4, 9-10, 12, 14-15, 17, 19-32, 34 have been canceled without prejudice. Thus, the rejection of these claims is moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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